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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Wheeler, Commissioner Clyburn, Commissioner Rosenworcel,
Commissioner Pai, and Commissioner O'Reilly:

A Next Generation Classroom cannot be limited by bell schedules, walls or other physical constrictions, as every student in Idaho should have the opportunity to learn beyond the school day. Access to high speed broadband and wireless internet will continue to be paramount for educators and students in Idaho. Therefore, it is with great purpose that I support Chairman Wheeler's proposal to modernize the E-rate program to conform to a more sufficient and productive use of those program funds. Supporting this proposal will ensure that schools remain connected, and internal Wi-Fi connections bring the essential learning technologies to every classroom and every student in Idaho.

Providing the funding and prioritizing internet connections for every student, regardless of where they live and learn is essential. The vision will happen for all of the students in Idaho if the commission accepts Chairman Wheeler's proposal. Idaho has seen great strides in our educational system with the integration of technology for learning, and a key component is access to high speed internet and ensuring each school has adequate Wi-Fi connections.

E-rate dollars have become a critical element to modernizing our country and our public education system. Chairman Wheeler's proposal provides an enhancement to the program, ensuring the funds are flexible through consortia purchasing, streamlining of electronic filing, and enabling applications that can span several years. This proposal will assist Idaho and other states as a flexible and simple process moving forward so public schools can use this funding to best meet the needs of individual students.

I've been a strong proponent of E-rate modernization, and Chairman Wheeler's proposal must be accepted if students in Idaho and across the nation are to receive the necessary and critical connectivity to truly learn in the Next Generation Classroom.

Thank you for your consideration of Chairman Wheeler's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Luna", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Tom Luna
Superintendent of Public Instruction